

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
August 22, 2005

Present: Berger, Bunker, Chadow, Chair Cooney, Fort, Vice-Chair Gwynne, Longley-Cook, Moore,

Absent/Excused: McGaughey, Seffens

Guests: Audrey Lard-Hausman

MINUTES: The minutes of May 23, 2005 were approved.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pedestrian Access During Construction Projects:

Commissioner Toby Berger commented on the draft standards for pedestrian access during construction projects and suggested several changes. These changes included stipulating that surfacing be non-slippery when wet. The Commission agreed to present comments on the draft standards to the secretary to incorporate into the final version. The secretary will check with other Cities about their notification procedures.

2. Alameda Theater:

The acting secretary presented the proposed access plans for the renovated theater. There was unanimous consent that the renovations are not adequate for a wide range of disabilities. The acting secretary proposed that the Architect for the theater renovation attend the next meeting to discuss accessibility issues.

3. Handicap Parking Spaces for Park Street Farmers Market:

The acting secretary stated that vehicles with handicap placard or plates can park at any metered space. Temporary signs designating handicap spaces are available for events, such as the Farmer's Market. Secretary to follow up. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook stated that the current Farmer's Market is not accessible friendly.

4. Disability Awareness Month:

The acting secretary read the proposed proclamation to be read by Mayor Beverly Johnson at a City Council meeting next month. A commissioner suggested that a press release be issued about the Alameda Hospital Health Fair scheduled for October 15th.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Abilities EXPO:

Vice-Chair James Gwynne updated the Commission on the upcoming abilities EXPO on November 18th in Santa Clara. The Chair informed the vice-chair that there needed to be a clarification as to who would get transportation to and from the EXPO. The Mastick Senior Center was prepared to provide transportation only for members of the commission. Any misunderstanding or miscommunications should be clarified as soon as possible.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Guest Audrey Lard-Hausman said the members of the Police Academy ticket illegally parked vehicles in spaces designated for handicap parking as well as vehicles parked on sidewalks. They will respond to calls.
2. Commissioner Jody Moore volunteered to prepare handout information on disability issues for children.
3. A commissioner suggested an award for construction projects that provide good accessibility.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 26th in Room 391, City Hall.

Sincerely,

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